

INFORMATION REPORT

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REFERENCES

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1. The United Dye and Lacquer Works (Spojene továrny na barvy a laky), National Enterprise, Prague-Vysocany, is located near the Harfa stop on trolley lines 5, 8 and 10 on the left side of Podebradska Street approximately 300 meters from the Harfa stop in the direction of Hloubetin. The plant is situated between the SPOFA pharmaceutical plant and the Spalovna plant, which is a branch of CKD-Sokolovo.
2. Two other United Dye and Lacquer Works plants, the Harfa Plant and the Prefa Plant, are located in Prague-Vysocany. All three plants are subject to the central administration in Prague.
3. The plant was in existence before 1945. During World War II it was nearly totally destroyed by a direct bomb hit, but after the war it was partly reconstructed and was used for the production of dyes. The main building was rebuilt in 1951 and the reconstruction of the lye section was started in 1952. By November 1952, half of the latter section was finished. 25X1
 the plant was once known as "Tebas".
4. The plant consists of the following sections; the numbers here used correspond to those on the enclosed sketch of the plant.
 - (1) Lye section (Louharna), a two-story building 60 by 8 by 10 meters in size. Its walls and ceiling are of reinforced concrete. It has four sloping roofs made of concrete. The larger part of Building A had been finished, while Building B, which is smaller, was still under construction. Building B consists of the following:
 - (a) Carpenter shop.
 - (b) A room used for washing vats and cans. The walls of this room are formed by reinforced concrete pillars eight meters high and 50 cm. on each side; they are spaced three or four meters apart. When the building is finished, the spaces between the pillars are to be filled with glass. At their upper ends the pillars are connected to reinforced concrete crossbeams 50 cm. wide, which are topped by a brick wall about 70 cm. high and 50 cm. wide, which supports the reinforced

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concrete ceiling. The upper side of the ceiling is smooth and the lower side is ribbed. The ceiling is covered with Heraklit insulation five cm. thick. The space between the Heraklit insulation and the sloping roof is filled in with slag concrete. The pillars and ceiling are made out of concrete in the proportion of one part of cement to seven parts of sand; for the other parts of the building a lower grade of concrete was used.

- (2) A hall of unknown purpose.
- (3) Warehouse, a two-story building 60 by 12 by 4 meters in size, built of wood, with a saddle roof covered with tar paper. The walls are ash gray in color. This building has a great number of windows.
- (4) This building has two sections.
 - (a) [redacted] It is a two-story building four by three by two meters in size, built of brick, with a saddle roof covered with tile. Its walls are gray yellow in color.
 - (b) Boiler 150 cm. high and 80 cm. in diameter, made of metal. The water which is heated in this boiler is pumped through a pipe to building 4a.
- (5) [redacted] It has two stories, is 25 by 10 by 4 meters in size, built of brick and has a saddle roof covered with tar paper. Its walls are gray yellow.
 - (a) Probably storage rooms.
 - (b) Office of the director.
- (6) The main building, a two-story building 70 by 35 by 20 meters in size, of reinforced concrete, with a saddle roof which is probably of concrete. The walls are of a dirty white color. This building is constructed in the same way as building No. 1 and was built by the same firm. The top floor has the laboratories, washrooms and cloakrooms. The following are located on the ground floor:
 - (a) Storeroom for goods ready to be shipped.
 - (b) Room in which containers are filled with the finished products of the plant.
 - (c) Unknown.
 - (d) Unknown.
 - (e) Section where finished dyes are rolled - they are worked with rollers till completely smooth.
 - (f) Concrete loading ramp approximately eight meters wide and 150 cm. high. Part I is newly built, Part II is in bad condition.
 - (g) Sheltered portion of the ramp, 10 by 8 meters in size. Here the containers are marked with different letters and signs.
- (7) Brick building which was being torn down.
- (8) Two-story building 40 by 10 by 5 meters in size, built of wood, with a saddle roof covered with tar paper. Its walls are dark brown.
 - (a) Cleaning of containers.
 - (b) Storeroom for finished products.
 - (c) Storeroom used by the construction firm which was rebuilding the plant.
 - (d) Unknown.
- (9) Maintenance workshop. A two-story building 50 by 10 by 4 meters in size, built of brick, with a sloping roof covered with tile. Its walls are yellow-gray.
 - (a) Electricians', locksmiths' and mechanics' workshop.
 - (b) Offices.
 - (c) Room through which the plant is entered. It contains the timeclock and a card file of all workers.
- (10) Doorman's shack. A two-story building 7 by 5 by 4 meters in size, with brick walls and a saddle roof covered with tile. Its walls are gray.
- (11) Offices. A two-story building 60 by 8 by 4.5 meters, built of wood, with a saddle roof covered with tar paper. Its walls are dark brown.
 - (a) Kitchen.
 - (b) Messhall, also used for meetings.
 - (c) Offices.
- (12) Barbed wire fence approximately two meters high, fastened to iron posts spaced approximately four meters apart. The horizontal strands of wire are spaced 30 cm. apart. There are also diagonal strands of barbed wire to strengthen the fence.

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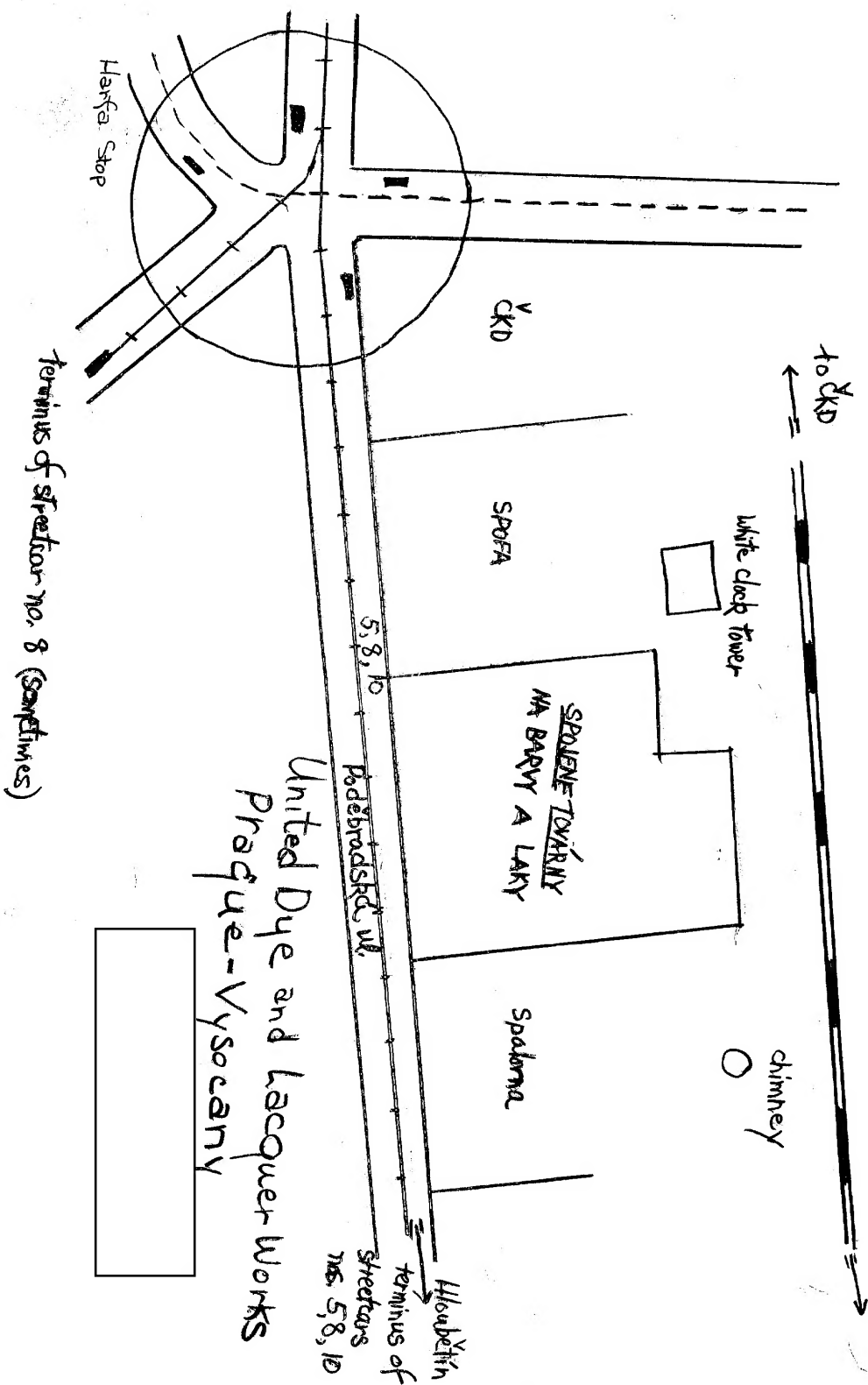
- (13) Entrance gate, of iron, three or four meters wide, 2.5 meters high, green in color. The two sections of the gate open inward.
 - (14) Wall of the adjoining pharmaceutical plant, SPOFA.
 - (15) Clean vats and cans standing in an unsheltered area.
 - (16) (a) (b) (c). Three underground concrete containers two meters deep, in which a number of taps and pipes are installed. The wooden covers of these containers are 1.5 meters square and 1.5 meters apart.
 - (17) Shelf for various types of pipe. It has four or five boards and is protected from rain by a roof covered with tar paper.
 - (18) Ditch about one meter wide and one meter deep. A large pipeline was being installed here which probably was to connect Sections 1 and 9.
5. Sections 1, 4 and 7 were being rebuilt in November 1952. Section 3 was being prepared for rebuilding. Sections 6 and 11 had been rebuilt and Sections 5 and 8 were not to be rebuilt for some time.
 6. The United Dye and Lacquer Works produces dyes, lacquers, acetone and a pitch type of material of unknown purpose.
 7. Section 6e had 6 to 10 machines for grinding dyes. Sections 1b and 8a had machines for washing and cleaning containers.
 8. Water is supplied to the plant by the municipal waterworks. Gas is probably supplied by the Na Palmovce gasworks. Electricity is supplied by the power plant in Holesovice.
 9. Raw materials and finished products were transported by truck. Some of the trucks belonged to the plant, but the majority were the property of the supplying and receiving factories. Sometimes military trucks accompanied by officers came to the plant. The raw materials were packed in large vats, the finished products in smaller vats and cans containing from 5 to 50 kg. The cans containing dyes bore labels describing the contents exactly and bearing the address of the recipient. Cans containing other products were marked with large Latin letters and Arabic figures, e.g. A 4. If a vat or can weighed more than it was supposed to, it was marked with one or more yellow dots to indicate how much the container was over the specified weight.
 10. Approximately 15 office employees, including two women, were working in the plant. One of the women was the secretary of the director and the other one worked in the personnel section, issuing food ration tickets. At least 60% of the approximately 100 employees of the plant were women, mostly under age. Neither prisoners nor brigade workers were employed in this plant.
 11. A skilled worker earned 3,000 Kcs. per month and an unskilled worker 2,800 Kcs. However, some unskilled workers earned more than the skilled ones.
 12. Working hours were normally from 6:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Only the day shift was worked. Toward the end of the month, the employees were sometimes required to work until 10 or 11 p.m. in order to fulfill the monthly production quota. Fulfillment was ordinarily 100 %. The morale of the workers was not high.
 13. The plant had a volunteer fire brigade; its members were trained by the municipal fire department. There was at least one fire extinguisher in each building.
 14. The plant was guarded by about five uniformed guards. During the day two, and during the night at least three, were on duty. One of them was posted in the doorman's shack, while the others patrolled around the premises. During the day they made the rounds every two hours, during the night every hour, accompanied by dogs. All guards were armed with pistols.
 15. Since there were only 100 employees, the guards knew the workers and did not check their identification. In case of a special check, the workers showed their Obcansky prukaz, which contained the plant's stamp. If an outsider wished to enter the plant, he had to show his Obcansky prukaz and give a reason for his visit. If he wished to see an employee, that person was called to the doorman's shack.
 16. There was a works militia at the plant; its members were trained in a militia training center in Kobylisy. Weapons of the members of the works militia were left in the doorman's shack.
 17. Because of the inflammable material stored at the plant, it would be difficult to defend against attack. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings except No. 11.
 18. North of the plant and 50 meters away from it stands a concrete tower 40 meters high which belongs to the SPOFA plant. Also to the north, and about one kilometer away, is the Krocinka Hill, which is at least 100 meters higher than the plant. In the east, and 60 meters from the plant, is the chimney of the Spalovna plant; it is 60 meters high. Farther to the east there is a high-voltage line which runs 30 meters above the ground.

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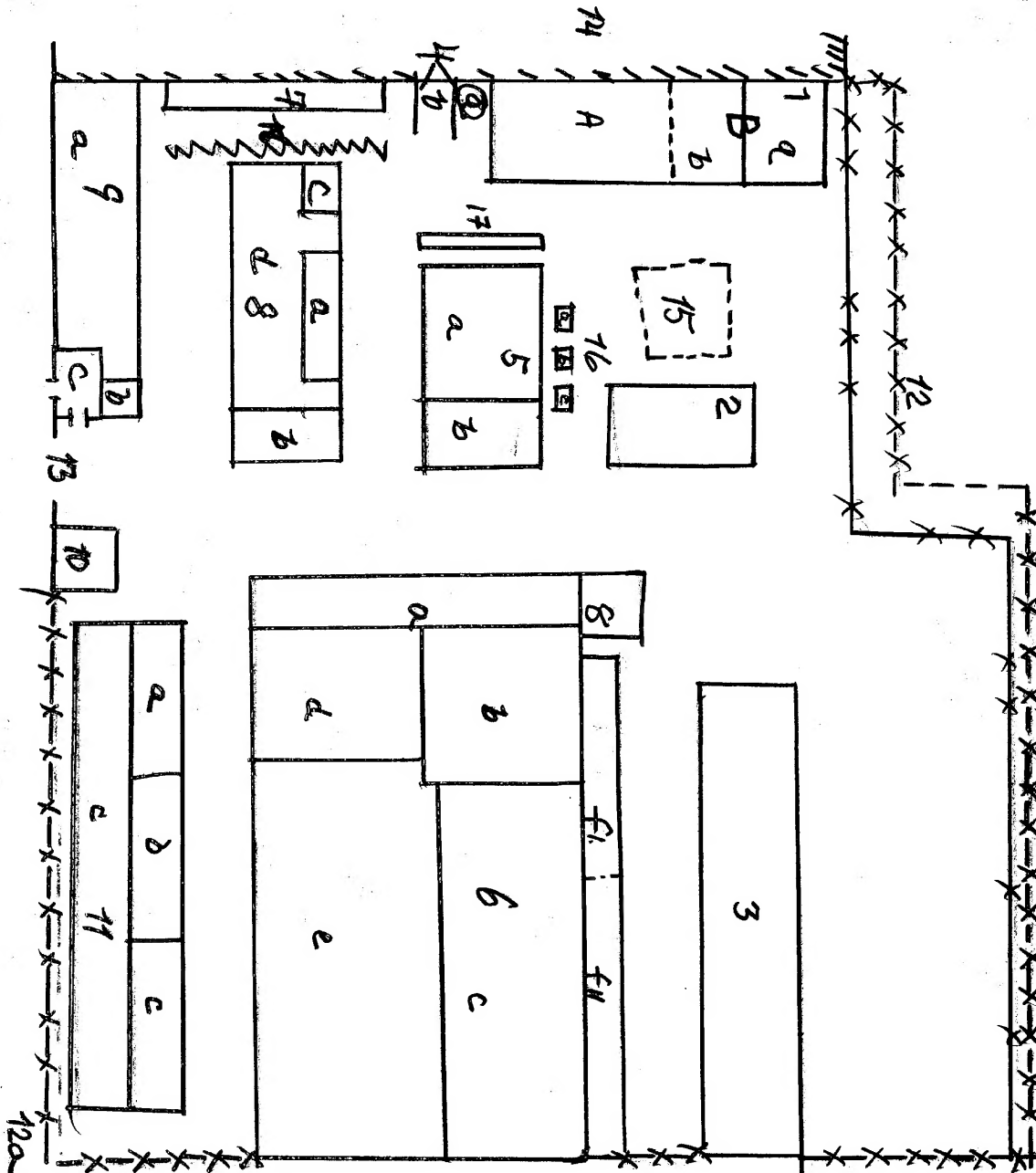
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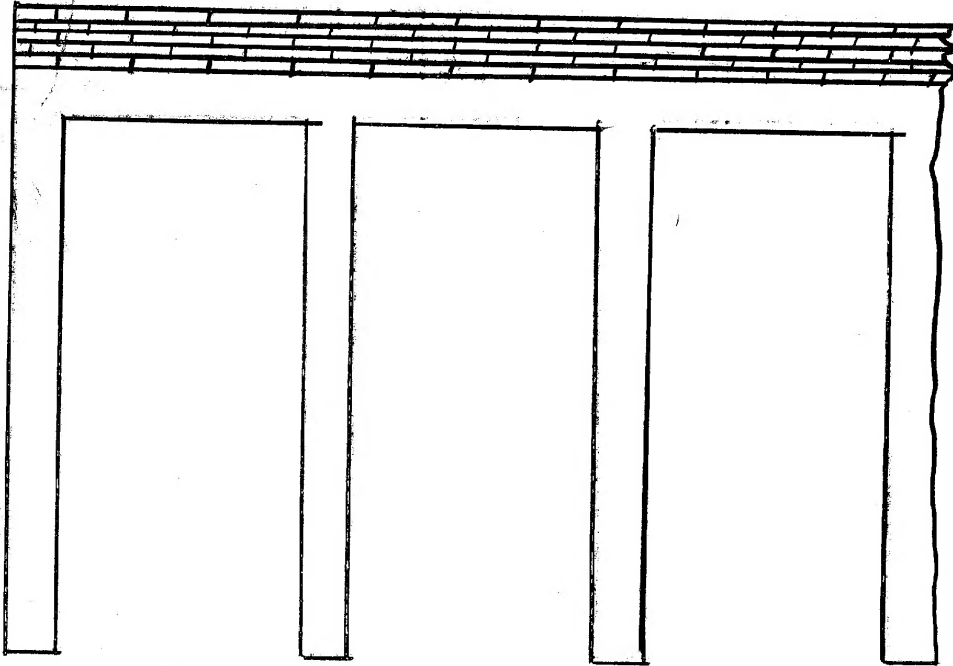
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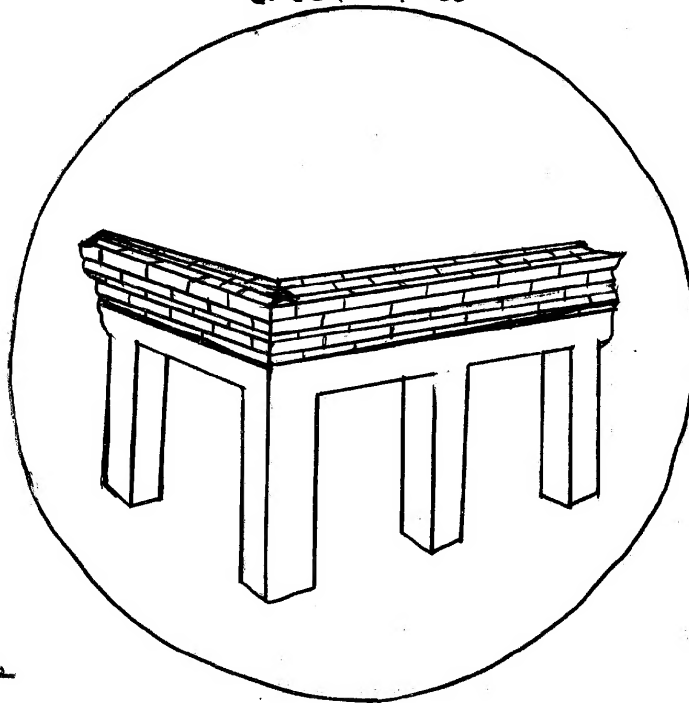
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Annex C

front view



total view



Construction of Walls
Building No 1

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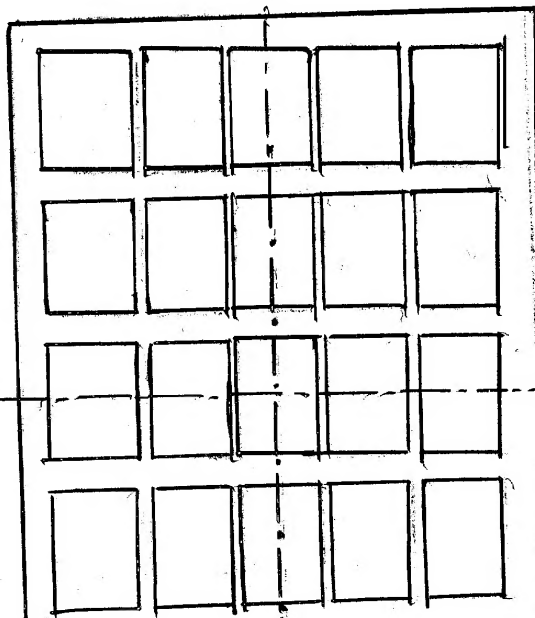
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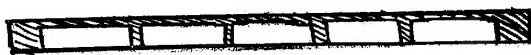
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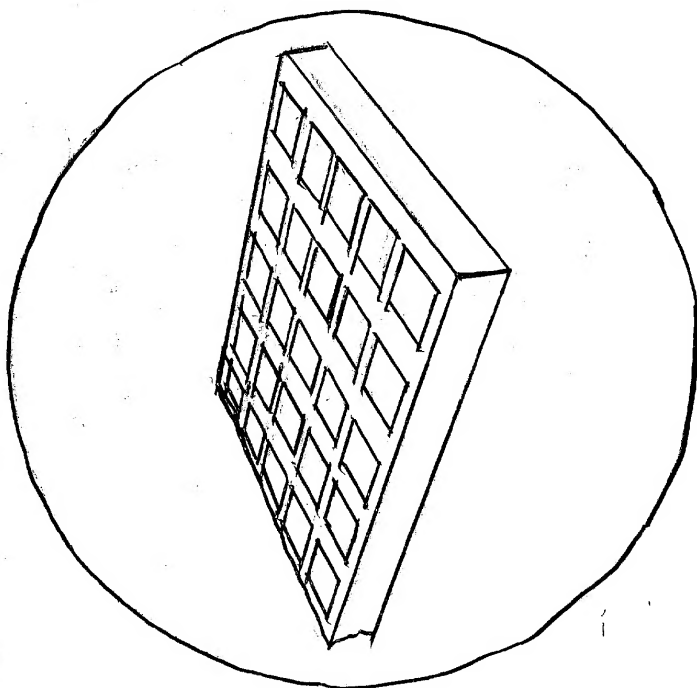
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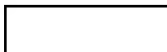
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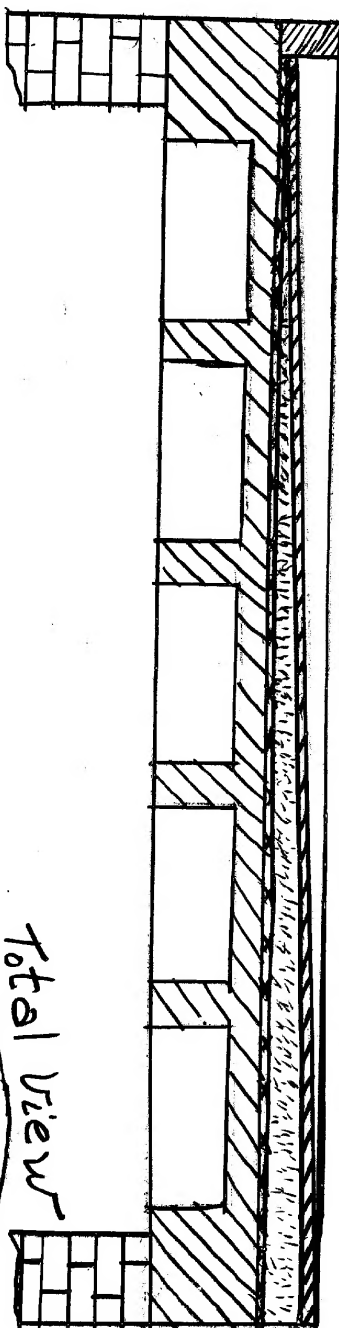
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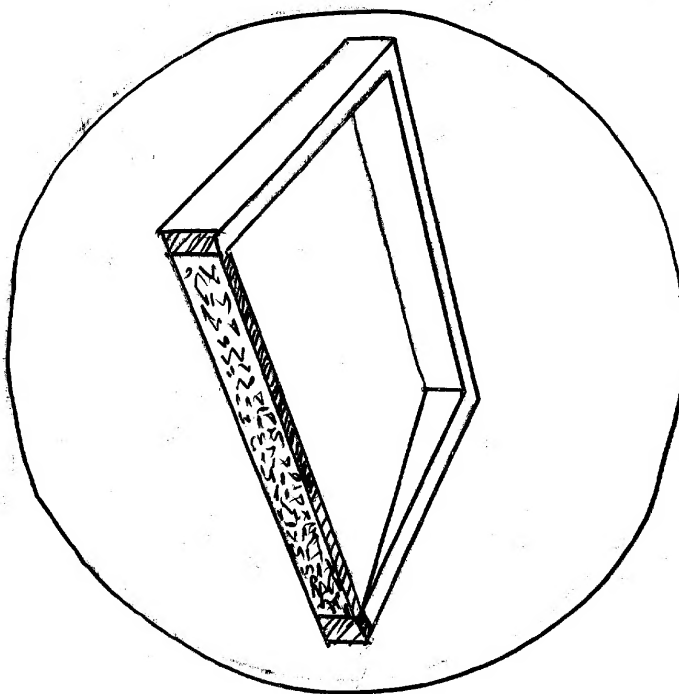


cross section (side view)

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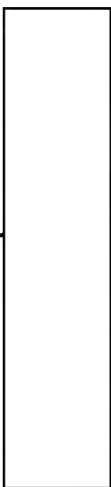


Total view



Construction of Roof

Building No. 1



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